

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of A.P.A.-W. and L.A., Minors.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

DJUAN LAMONT ANDERSON,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

LATOYA TOCCARA WOODS,

Respondent.

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May 22, 2003

No. 241383

Wayne Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 01-399576

Before: Whitbeck, C.J., and White and Donofrio, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right from the trial court order terminating his parental rights to the minor children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(a)(ii), (c)(i), (g), (j), and (k)(i).¹ This appeal is being decided without oral argument pursuant to MCR 7.214(e). We affirm.

The trial court did not clearly err in finding that the at least one statutory ground for termination was established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 5.947(I); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). The record is clear that respondent-appellant failed to complete important components of his parent/agency agreement, including substance abuse treatment, individual counseling, and the provision of random weekly drug screens. He also failed to obtain suitable housing for the minor children, failed to visit his minor children after December 6, 2001, and failed to maintain proper contact with his caseworker. There was also ample evidence from which the court could, and did, conclude that respondent-appellant

¹ Although the order is not limited in this manner, it is apparent from the record that MCL 712A.19b(3)(a)(ii) and (k)(i) apply more clearly to the actions of respondent Woods and are not as pertinent to the actions of respondent-appellant.

continued to use marijuana, despite the court's specific warnings that doing so could result in termination of his parental rights.

Further, the evidence did not show that termination of respondent-appellant's parental rights was clearly not in the children's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 356-357; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). Thus, the trial court did not err in terminating respondent-appellant's parental rights to the children.

Affirmed.

/s/ William C. Whitbeck

/s/ Helene N. White

/s/ Pat M. Donofrio